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| June 20, 2018 | |

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 20, 2018

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

GeorgiaNo. 001-35095No. 58-180-7304(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission File Number)(IRS Employer Identification No.)

125 Highway 515 East

<u>Blairsville, Georgia 30512</u>

(Address of principal executive offices)

| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: | |
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| (864) 240-6208 | |

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- q Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- q Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- q Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- q Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§240.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

Item
 5.02
 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On June 20, 2018, United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors (the "Board") has appointed Jennifer Mann and Lance F. Drummond to serve as Board members, effective immediately, until the Company's next annual meeting of shareholders.

Ms. Mann is currently the Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer of SAS Institute, Inc., a global leader in analytics, business intelligence and data management software.

Mr. Drummond currently serves on the board of Freddie Mac, GSE and chairs its technology working group. Mr. Drummond was formerly the Executive Vice President of Operations and Technology at TD Canada Trust and Executive Vice President of Human Resources and Shared Services for Fisery Inc.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated June 20, 2018

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

By: /s/ Jefferson L. Harralson Jefferson L. Harralson Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 20, 2018